

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have cancelled original claims 1-36 and rewritten them as new claims 37-60 to improve readability. Basis for the new claims may be found in the original application as follows. New claim 37 corresponds to original claim 1 and page 12, lines 3-4 of the application as filed. New claim 38 is based on page 12, lines 5-7 of the application as filed. New claim 39 is based on original claims 3-5 and page 7, paragraph 2. New claim 40 is based on page 3, lines 32-33. New claims 41-50 are respectively based on original claims 12-21. New claim 51 is based on page 14, lines 6-7 of the application as filed. New claim 52 is based *inter alia* on page 3, line 32 of the application as filed. New claim 53 is based on page 5, lines 1-2 and original claim 25. New claim 54 is based on page 5, lines 2-3 and original claim 26. New claim 55 is based on page 5, lines 5-7 of the application as filed. New claim 56 is based on page 8, paragraph 5. New claim 57 corresponds to original claim 7, whilst new claim 58 corresponds to original claims 2 and 11. New claim 59 corresponds to original claims 23 and 24. New claim 60 corresponds to original claim 29 and page 12, lines 3-4 of the application as filed. Since no new matter was added, entry of the amendment is requested.

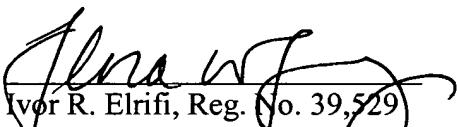
CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that the subject application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the application.

Applicants believe no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 27353-514-US1 (Customer Number: 35437).

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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